



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 701

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House Bill No. 7000

House of Representatives, May 4, 2005

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Commissioner of Social
- 2 Services shall review the programs administered by the Department of
- 3 Social Services in order to determine: (1) The cost and effectiveness of
- 4 each such program in relation to all such programs; (2) the relative
- 5 importance of the services provided under each such program to the
- 6 recipients of such services; (3) the likelihood that recipients could
- 7 qualify for similar services under federal, local or private programs; (4)
- 8 the effects of the phase-out or elimination of such programs. The
- 9 commissioner shall submit findings and recommendations to the joint
- 10 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
- 11 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not
- 12 later than January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
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APP *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The reporting requirements mandated by the bill would not result in additional cost to the agency because it already reports on its budget and programs to the Appropriations Committee on an annual basis.

OFA Bill Analysis

HB 7000

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the commissioner to review the functions and activities of the agency in order to assess the cost-effectiveness of such functions and activities and assign priority for their continued funding. It requires that the commissioner report his or her findings to the Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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